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RESPONSE

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SIR:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 41-52 and 59-68 without prejudice.

Claim 69 has been amended to read:

69. (Amended) A method of treating a mammal having a blastoma cancer, comprising administering to the mammal Apo-2 ligand polypeptide in an amount effective to induce cell death in the mammal's blastoma cells, wherein said Apo-2 ligand polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 114-281 of Figure 1A (SEQ ID NO:1);
 - (b) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 114-281 of Figure 1A (SEQ ID NO:1); and
 - (c) a polypeptide which is a fragment of (a) or (b).